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From: Patricia S. Ploehn, LCSW  
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**MAY 17, 2005 BOARD AGENDA ITEM #2: SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT ON THE LENGTH OF STAY AT THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMAND POST**

On May 17, 2005, your Board instructed the Department of Children and Family Services to provide a monthly report to your Board for one year on the length of stay at the Emergency Response Command Post (ERCP) for children awaiting placement. In our final monthly report, dated May 17, 2006, the Department stated it would provide additional semi-annual reports. This is the first semi-annual report.

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Children and Family Services continues to make noticeable progress in reducing the length of time children remain at the ERCP while awaiting placement (please see attached reports). In the month of May 2006, there were a total of 46 children served at the ERCP. Of the 46 children served, only three children (6%) exceeded the allowable four-hour wait time we have established. In the month of June 2006, there were a total of 74 children served, and 10 children (14%) stayed more than four hours. In the month of July 2006, there were 54 children served and of those, there were only three children (6%) who exceeded the four-hour wait time. In the month of August 2006, 51 children were served. Of these children, seven (14%) stayed more than four hours. In the month of September 2006, 46 children were served and only two children (4%) exceeded the four-hour time frame. In October 2006, 77 children were served and of those, six children (8%) stayed more than four hours before placement was located for them. It should be noted that during this reporting period, there were no children that stayed overnight at the ERCP.

Most of the children that remained at the ERCP over four hours have general placement issues including defiant behaviors, illicit drug use, psychiatric problems and chronic run away behavior. These issues are the most likely causes for the delay in finding suitable placements in a more timely manner.

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The Department remains committed to the goal of ensuring the prompt placement of children who are brought to the ERCP.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Armand Montiel, Board Relations Manager at (213) 351-5530.

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrator Officer  
County Counsel

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMAND POST'S MONTHLY OVERSTAY REPORT – MINORS AT ERCP MAY 2006

**Numbers of children and youth who stayed 4 hours and longer by age:**  
**Total: 3 (6%)**

Hours	0-10 years	11-14 years	15-18 years	19 and over	TOTALS	
0 to 4	11	14	18	0	43	94%
4 to 8	1	0	1	0	2	4%
8 to 13	0	0	0	1	1	2%
14 to 19	0	0	0	0	0	
20 to 23	0	0	0	0	0	-
24 to 28	0	0	0	0	0	-
29 to 32	0	0	0	0	0	-
33 and over	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12(26%)</b>	<b>14(31%)</b>	<b>19(41%)</b>	<b>1(2%)</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Number of Children and Youth who came to ERCP by age and Gender: Total: 46**

0-10 years		11-14 years		15-18 years		19 and over	
12 (26%)		14(31%)		19 (41%)		1(2%)	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
10	2	6	8	14	5	1	0

**Prior placement type for children and youth who stayed at ERCP 4 hours and longer:**

Placement	0-10 years	11-14 years	15-18 years	19 and over	TOTALS	
Home of parent	1	0	0	0	1	2%
Adoptive parent	0	0	0	0	0	
Home of Relative	0	0	0	1	1	2%
Foster Home	0	0	0	0	0	
Group Home	0	0	0	0	0	
AWOL	0	0	1	0	1	2%
Probation	0	0	0	0		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6%</b>

**Children and Youth's placement type following their stay at ERCP:**

Placement	0-10 years	11-14 years	15-18 years	19 and over	TOTALS	
Home of Parent	0	0	0	0	0	
Home of Relative	0	0	0	0	0	
Foster Home	1	0	0	0	1	2%
Group Home	0	0	1	1	2	4%
AWOL	0	0	0	0	0	
Hospital	0	0	0	0		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6%</b>

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMAND POST'S MONTHLY OVERSTAY REPORT – MINORS AT ERCP JUNE 2006

**Numbers of children and youth who stayed 4 hours and longer by age:**  
**Total: 10(14%)**

Hours	0-10 years	11-14 years	15-18 years	19 and over	TOTALS	
0 to 4	22	22	20	0	64	86%
4 to 8	1	2	4	0	7	9%
9 to 13	0	2	0	1	3	5%
14 to 19	0	0	0	0	0	
20 to 23	0	0	0	0	0	-
24 to 28	0	0	0	0	0	-
29 to 32	0	0	0	0	0	-
33 and over	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23(31%)</b>	<b>26(35%)</b>	<b>24(33%)</b>	<b>1(1%)</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Number of Children and Youth who came to ERCP by age and Gender: Total: 74**

0-10 years		11-14 years		15-18 years		19 and over	
23 (31%)		26(35%)		24(33%)		1(1%)	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
14	9	13	13	6	18	0	1

**Prior placement type for children and youth who stayed at ERCP 4 hours and longer:**

Placement	0-10 years	11-14 years	15-18 years	19 and over	TOTALS	
Home of parent	1	2	1	0	4	5%
Adoptive parent	0	0	0	0	0	
Home of Relative	0	0	0	1	1	2%
Foster Home	0	0	1	1	2	3%
Group Home	0	1	2	0	3	4%
AWOL	0	0	0	0	0	
Probation	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14%</b>

**Children and Youth's placement type following their stay at ERCP:**

Placement	0-10 years	11-14 years	15-18 years	19 and over	TOTALS	
Home of Parent	0	0	1	0	1	2%
Home of Relative	0	0	0	0	0	
Foster Home	1	2	2	1	6	8%
Group Home	0	2	1	0	3	4%
AWOL	0	0	0	0	0	
Hospital	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14%</b>

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMAND POST'S MONTHLY OVERSTAY REPORT – MINORS AT ERCP JULY 2006

**Numbers of children and youth who stayed 4 hours and longer by age:**  
Total: 3 (6%)

Hours	0-10 years	11-14 years	15-18 years	19 and over	TOTALS	
0 to 4	8	16	27	0	51	94%
4 to 8	1	0	1	0	2	4%
9 to 13	0	1	0	0	1	2%
14 to 19	0	0	0	0	0	-
20 to 23	0	0	0	0	0	-
24 to 28	0	0	0	0	0	-
29 to 32	0	0	0	0	0	-
33 and over	0	0	0	0	0	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9(17%)</b>	<b>17(31%)</b>	<b>28(52%)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Number of Children and Youth who came to ERCP by age and Gender: Total: 54**

0-10 years		11-14 years		15-18 years		19 and over	
9 (17%)		17 (31%)		28 (52%)		(%)	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
6	3	8	9	14	14	0	0

**Prior placement type for children and youth who stayed at ERCP 4 hours and longer:**

Placement	0-10 years	11-14 years	15-18 years	19 and over	TOTALS	
Home of parent	1				1	2%
Adoptive parent					0	-
Home of Relative					0	-
Foster Home		1			1	2%
Group Home			1		1	2%
AWOL					0	-
Probation					0	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1(2%)</b>	<b>1(2%)</b>	<b>1(2%)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6%</b>

**Children and Youth's placement type following their stay at ERCP:**

Placement	0-10 years	11-14 years	15-18 years	19 and over	TOTALS	
Home of Parent	0	0	0	0	0	-
Home of Relative	0	0	0	0	0	-
Foster Home	1	1	1	0	3	6%
Group Home	0	0	0	0	0	-
AWOL	0	0	0	0	0	-
Hospital	0	0	0	0	0	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1 (2%)</b>	<b>1 (2%)</b>	<b>1 (2%)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6%</b>

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMAND POST'S MONTHLY OVERSTAY REPORT – MINORS AT ERCP AUGUST 2006

**Numbers of children and youth who stayed 4 hours and longer by age:**  
Total: 7 (14%)

Hours	0-10 years	11-14 years	15-18 years	19 and over	TOTALS	
0 to 4	10	12	22	0	44	86%
4 to 8	0	2	4	0	6	12%
9 to 13	0	1	0	0	1	2%
14 to 19	0	0	0	0	0	-
20 to 23	0	0	0	0	0	-
24 to 28	0	0	0	0	0	-
29 to 32	0	0	0	0	0	-
33 and over	0	0	0	0	0	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10 (20%)</b>	<b>15 (29%)</b>	<b>26 (51%)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Number of Children and Youth who came to ERCP by age and Gender: Total: 51**

0-10 years		11-14 years		15-18 years		19 and over	
10 (20%)		15 (29%)		26 (51%)		(%)	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
4	6	6	9	9	17	0	0

**Prior placement type for children and youth who stayed at ERCP 4 hours and longer:**

Placement	0-10 years	11-14 years	15-18 years	19 and over	TOTALS	
Home of parent		1			1	2%
Adoptive parent			1		1	2%
Home of Relative					0	-
Foster Home		2	2		4	8%
Group Home			1		1	2%
AWOL					0	-
Probation					0	-
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>3 (6%)</b>	<b>4 (8%)</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>14%</b>

**Children and Youth's placement type following their stay at ERCP:**

Placement	0-10 years	11-14 years	15-18 years	19 and over	TOTALS	
Home of Parent	0	0	0	0	0	-
Home of Relative	0	0	0	0	0	-
Foster Home	0	2	2	0	4	8%
Group Home	0	0	1	0	1	2%
AWOL	0	1	0	0	1	2%
Hospital	0	0	1	0	1	2%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3 (6%)</b>	<b>4 (8%)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14%</b>

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMAND POST'S MONTHLY OVERSTAY REPORT – MINORS AT ERCP SEPTEMBER 2006

Numbers of children and youth who stayed 4 hours and longer by age:  
Total: 2 (4%)

Hours	0-10 years	11-14 years	15-18 years	19 and over	TOTALS	
0 to 4	12	12	20	0	44	96%
4 to 8	0	0	2	0	2	4%
9 to 13	0	0	0	0	0	
14 to 19	0	0	0	0	0	
20 to 23	0	0	0	0	0	-
24 to 28	0	0	0	0	0	-
29 to 32	0	0	0	0	0	-
33 and over	0	0	0	0	0	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12(26%)</b>	<b>12(26%)</b>	<b>22(48%)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>100%</b>

Number of Children and Youth who came to ERCP by age and Gender: Total: 46

0-10 years		11-14 years		15-18 years		19 and over	
12(26%)		12(26%)		22(48%)		0	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
5	7	8	4	17	5	0	0

Prior placement type for children and youth who stayed at ERCP 4 hours and longer:

Placement	0-10 years	11-14 years	15-18 years	19 and over	TOTALS	
Home of parent	0	0	0	0	0	
Adoptive parent	0	0	0	0	0	
Home of Relative	0	0	0	0	0	
Foster Home	0	0	0	0	0	
Group Home	0	0	0	0	0	
AWOL	0	0	0	0	0	
Juvenile Hall	0	0	2	0	2	4%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4%</b>

Children and Youth's placement type following their stay at ERCP:

Placement	0-10 years	11-14 years	15-18 years	19 and over	TOTALS	
Home of Parent	0	0	0	0	0	
Home of Relative	0	0	0	0	0	
Foster Home	0	0	0	0	0	
Group Home	0	0	1	0	1	2%
AWOL	0	0	1	0	1	2%
Hospital	0	0	0	0		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4%</b>

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMAND POST'S MONTHLY OVERSTAY REPORT – MINORS AT ERCP OCTOBER 2006

**Numbers of children and youth who stayed 4 hours and longer by age:**  
Total: 6 (8%)

Hours	0-10 years	11-14 years	15-18 years	19 and over	TOTALS	
0 to 4	34	11	27	0	72	94%
4 to 8	0	4	0	0	4	5%
9 to 13	0	1	0	0	1	1%
14 to 19	0	0	0	0	0	
20 to 23	0	0	0	0	0	
24 to 28	0	0	0	0	0	
29 to 32	0	0	0	0	0	
33 and over	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>34(44%)</b>	<b>16(21%)</b>	<b>27(35%)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Number of Children and Youth who came to ERCP by age and Gender: Total: 77**

0-10 years		11-14 years		15-18 years		19 and over	
34(44%)		16(21%)		27(35%)		(%)	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
14	20	8	8	15	12	0	0

**Prior placement type for children and youth who stayed at ERCP 4 hours and longer:**

Placement	0-10 years	11-14 years	15-18 years	19 and over	TOTALS	
Home of parent	2	0	0	0	2	3%
Adoptive parent	0	0	0	0	0	
Home of Relative	0	0	0	0	0	
Foster Home	0	1	0	0	1	1%
Group Home	0	1	0	0	1	1%
AWOL	0	0	0	0	0	
Skid Row	0	1	1	0	2	3%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2(3%)</b>	<b>3 (4%)</b>	<b>1(1%)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8%</b>

**Children and Youth's placement type following their stay at ERCP:**

Placement	0-10 years	11-14 years	15-18 years	19 and over	TOTALS	
Home of Parent	0	0	0	0	0	
Home of Relative	0	0	0	0	0	
Foster Home	2	0	0	0	2	3%
Group Home	0	2	2	0	4	5%
AWOL	0	0	0	0	0	
Hospital	0	0	0	0		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2(3%)</b>	<b>2(3%)</b>	<b>2(2%)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8%</b>